

Nixon Vows to Do All He Can

Parents of U-2 Pilot Moscow-Bound Today

The parents of captured U-2 spy pilot Francis G. Powers planned to fly to Moscow today. They had a promise from Vice President Richard M. Nixon to do all he could to obtain justice in the airman's espionage trial.

The pilot's attractive brunette wife, meantime, scheduled a (11:30 a. m. EDT) news conference, presumably to discuss the Russians' refusal to grant visas to her mother and her mother's doctor to go with her to Moscow for the Aug. 17 trial.

Mr. Powers' wife, Barbara; her mother, Mrs. Monteen Brown; and the doctor had reservations to leave New York last night. But the reservations were cancelled because the mother and physician had not received visas.

ANOTHER FLIGHT

Sabena Airlines reported in New York the reservations had been shifted to a flight tomorrow night.

The U-2 pilot's parents—Oliver Powers, a Norton Va., shoemaker, and his wife, who suffers from heart trouble—were scheduled to leave New York for Moscow by jet airliner with a stop-over in London. They were accompanied by a doctor and a neighbor.

The father told Mr. Nixon yesterday the U. S. Government had not done enough to help his son defend himself from spy charges. The pilot's wife had made a similar charge earlier.

The elder Powers also told Mr. Nixon Russia broke a standing agreement with the United States when it refused to allow his son to choose his own defense counsel.

NIXON PLEDGE

The shoemaker went to the Vice President's office with Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.). They said Mr. Nixon promised to do "all he could" to obtain justice in the case.



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POWERS MEETS NIXON—Oliver Powers, father of U-2 pilot Francis Powers, talks with Vice President Nixon. Mr. Powers complained that the U. S. Government was not doing enough to help his son who will be tried in Moscow Aug. 17 for espionage. Mr. Powers and his wife fly to Moscow today to attend the trial.

They said Mr. Nixon promised to forward the father's complaints to the Soviet authorities. They asked him to say whether this would include President Eisenhower.

Mr. Nixon wished the father "God-speed" on his trip to Russia, shook his hand warmly and said: "My best wishes to you. You've got a lot of people behind you so keep your spirits up."

The U-2 pilot will go on trial next week on charges that he violated Soviet airspace to gather aerial information about Russian military installations. (UPI)